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Under the present conditions, however, I have notified the steamship agents that any vessel bound direct to United States or Isthmian ports, which anchors opposite the city, shall be fumigated just prior to departure.

#### GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

Consul-General Mason reports, May 22, as follows:

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended May 6 was somewhat higher than it had been during the last 3 weeks, amounting, calculated on the year, to 17.2 per thousand of the population, this being considerably higher than the rate for the same week of last year, in which it amounted to only 13.5 per thousand. Of the large towns and cities of Germany more than half showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin, including Rixdorf (with 19.9), Königsberg, Breslau, Dresden, Halle, Brunswick, Bremen, Cologne, Frankfort on the Main, Munich, Nuremberg, and Stuttgart. The following cities, on the other hand, had a lower death rate than Berlin, namely: Carlsruhe, Dusseldorf, Kiel, Hanover, Leipzig, Schöneberg (with 13.6), and Charlottenburg (with 10.8).

There were registered 127 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 141 deaths from acute diseases of the respiratory organs (including 3 from influenza), 39 deaths from cancer, 10 deaths from scarlet fever, 10 deaths from maisles, 5 deaths from diphtheria. Finally, 4 deaths

were caused by violence.

#### GUATEMALA.

## Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended May 20, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 14 16 18 19 20	Floridian Olympia Belize Altai Saphir	44 41 18 47 19	0 2 0 15 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0

The steamships Floridian, Olympia, and Saphir cleared from Puerto Barrios.

#### HONDURAS.

### Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended May 20, 1905. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; no deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial, mostly mild type; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

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Bills of health	were	issued	to	the	following-nam	ıed	vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 16	Nicaragua	18	0	0	0
18	Brattan	16	2	0	0
19	Colombia	17	0	0	0
19	Rosina	29	5	0	0

Week ended May 27, 1905. No deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial, mostly mild type; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
May 24 25 26	Jamaica Condor Jos. Vaccaro.	17	0 0 4	0 0 0	0 0 0

Precautions taken to prevent importation of yellow fever from Belize and Puerto Cortez.

Information has reached this place of the presence of yellow fever in Puerto Cortez and Belize. The local authorities are taking steps to enforce a rigid quarantine against those places in order to protect this city and the adjacent towns along the coast.

At present the health conditions of this place are good, but the number and remoteness of many of the loading points in connection with this port make it practically impossible to be fully assured as to the actual sanitary condition at said places.

The agents of the various companies have been enjoined to prohibit all communication with the shore at the various loading points and to keep the vessels well away from shore.

I shall continue to issue passenger certificates until I am instructed not to do so, or until the health conditions become suspicious, in which latter case I shall immediately cable to the Bureau and stop passenger traffic.

## Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended May 19, 1905. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 1 death; cause, enteric fever; prevailing disease, malarial fever, a few cases of remittent type; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disin- fected.
May 13	Hiram	14	3	0	0
15	Viator	17	1	0	0
15	Altai	47	0	0	0
18	Olympia	41	6	3	0
19	Espana	18	0	0	0